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Appl. No.: 10/082,326

Applicant: I. URATANI et al.

For: STORAGE SYSTEM

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of May 22, 2007, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper; and

Remarks begin on page 10 of this paper.